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Governor Scott Walker
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Dear Governor Walker,

For over three years I have had the honor and privilege to lead your largest cabinet agency, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Throughout my tenure, we have focused on modernizing practices, creating fair policies, developing leadership, reforming segregation, improving mental health care and responding to the ever changing philosophy of corrections reform. Our management team is proud of the many accomplishments we have made and know that the Department is a better place because of them.

The vast majority of the men and women of the Department of Corrections are committed professionals who perform their duties in spite of the many challenges they face. With over 10,000 employees in 4 divisions, 38 institutions, 10 regional offices, 120 field offices and 90,000 people in some form of incarceration, probation or parole, the potential for unforeseen and dangerous interactions is a constant reality that they deal with every single day.

The work of corrections often draws emotion and conjecture from many due to the nature of the responsibilities the Department is tasked with. However, regardless of where those feelings may fall, staff at the Department of Corrections deserves the support, gratitude and respect of the administration, the legislature and the citizens of Wisconsin.

After considerable thought, reflection and consultation with my family, I believe that the time has come to turn the page for the Department of Corrections and step aside to allow a new person with fresh perspectives to lead the agency forward. Please accept this letter of resignation from my cabinet position to be effective on March 19th, 2016. I will work with the administration in the coming weeks to facilitate a smooth transition for the new leadership you will appoint. Thank you for the opportunity to have served the state in this critically important public safety role.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward F. Wall".

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